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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Michael Tyrone Walker, #MA-9201

S.C.I. Camp Hill-H-B-side

Camp-Hill, PA. 17001-0200

(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the plaintiff(s).)

- against -

Berk,s County Jail Warden

Janine L. Quigley, Warden, 1287 County Welfare
Rd., Lessport, PA. 19533. ~~Three~~ ^{FIVE} Correctional
Officer's Unknown and Mdical Staff., et al.

(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s). If you cannot fit the names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please write "see attached" in the space above and attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The names listed in the above caption must be identical to those contained in Part I. Addresses should not be included here.)

I. Parties in this complaint:

- A. List your name, identification number, and the name and address of your current place of confinement. Do the same for any additional plaintiffs named. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Plaintiff Name Micheal T. Walker,
ID # MA-9201
Current Institution S.C.I. Camp-Hill, PA.
Address P.O. Box 200
Camp-Hill, PA. 17001

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COMPLAINT

under the
Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1983
(Prisoner Complaint)

Jury Trial: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(check one)

- B. List all defendants' names, positions, places of employment, and the address where each defendant may be served. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Defendant No. 1 Name Janine L. Quigley, Warden Shield # _____
 Where Currently Employed ~~1287~~ County Jail, Berks
 Address 1287 County Welfare Rd.
Lessport, PA. 19533

Defendant No. 2 Name Correctional Officer, Ruffner Shield # _____
 Where Currently Employed Berks County Jail
 Address 1287 County Welfare Rd.
Lessport, PA. 19533

Defendant No. 3 Name Correctional Bower Shield # _____
 Where Currently Employed Berks County Jail
 Address 1287 County Welfare Rd.
Lessport, PA. 19533

Defendant No. 4 Name Correctional Officer, Sgt. Kirlin Shield # _____
 Where Currently Employed Berks County Jail
 Address 1287 County Welfare Rd.
Lessport, PA. 19533

Defendant No. 5 Name Correctional Officer, Corderre, Sgt. Shield # _____
 Where Currently Employed Berks County Jail
 Address 1287 County Welfare Rd.
Lessport, PA. 19533, et al.

II. Statement of Claim:

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each of the defendants named in the caption of this complaint is involved in this action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

A. In what institution did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? _____
Berks County Jail

B. Where in the institution did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? _____
Shower, Medical Department, Cell-Block

C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? _____
3-15-15, 4 PM

What
happened
to you?

D. Facts: Chaplin Mast, had told me over I could have my Religious beads as long as they are all white. See Exhibit A attached. I wrote to him and they gave me a hard time., this was on or around 3-17-15 was when I got it approved. I have paper work on my Religion, (Santerin), and C/O Knoller, had pressed the issue. Because at Dinnertime, I was not given a regular tray. Like everyone else. The 5 named Defendant's above, all told me to take the Religious Beads off. I asked for a grievance and all the Defendant's named above, threaten me to take the religious beads off. Violation of my First Amendment Rights and 14th Amendment Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

Who
did
what?

On 8/23/13 I was in my Block Shower at Berks County jail and because of my Medical problems, I fell, and split my Head open. The Shower's at Berks County Jail did not have any railings, non-slip mats or any safty bars as provided by Law. In violation of my Eighth Amendment Rights, 14th Amendment and Federal Code. See Exhibits A through H. attached.

Was
anyone
else
involved?

The Greivance Procedure in Berks County Jail is illegal because the Staff at the Jail Throws them out and you never get an answer.

Who else
saw what
happened?

III. Injuries:

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe them and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and received.

Injuries sustain, I have very bad head achs and I did require to Medical but they would not give stiches. I have blk outs periods all of the time.

IV. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies:

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted." Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures.

- A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes X No _____

If YES, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s). Pennsylvania
Berks County Jail

- B. Does the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

Yes X No _____ Do Not Know ~~XX~~

- C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claim(s)?

Yes _____ No _____ Do Not Know XX -also medical P.H.S

If YES, which claim(s)? would not answer other claim

- D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose?

Yes X No ~~XX~~

If NO, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

Yes _____ No ~~XX~~

- E. If you did file a grievance, about the events described in this complaint, where did you file the grievance?

Could not Berk's would not answer the hand written one I
 filed

1. Which claim(s) in this complaint did you grieve? Religious, Food - See Exhibit I
Could not because they would not answer my written complaints

2. What was the result, if any? Never got any response, the Gaurds said they
threw away the Complaint's, and would not give me a grievance form.

3. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Describe all efforts to appeal to
 the highest level of the grievance process. Filed this Complaint now.

Tried but no Response

F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here: I filed on 4/8/15
I filed request slips to get a Grievance form and Gaurds would
not give me one, so I wrote the Complaint's on Request slips.
The Gaurd's, Defendant's said they threw the Request in the trash.

2. If you did not file a grievance but informed any officials of your claim, state who you
informed, when and how, and their response, if any: Told my relatives and they
called but no response of any kind. See Exhibits - I, J, K
This was for the fall in the Shower

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative
remedies. Obstruction of Justice by an Official-Local Government and
also they said they did not answer because I was Gay.

I also went to the Chaplin, and Family Members

Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your
administrative remedies.

See Exhibits A through K - Attached

V. **Relief:**

State what you want the Court to do for you (including the amount of monetary compensation, if any, that
you are seeking and the basis for such amount).

Pay for Medicial Damages for the Fall and for Damages, to pay for the
Attorney I will need to get Discovery and Witness I will have to Depose.
Jury can decide on Punitive Damages.

Unknown what Medical Damages Cost

Will Amend when at Home Jail - only have
6 Hours a week in Law Library

VI. Previous lawsuits:

A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

Yes ____ No X

B. If your answer to A is YES, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another sheet of paper, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit:

Plaintiff N/A

Defendants N/A

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county) _____

3. Docket or Index number _____

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case _____

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit _____

6. Is the case still pending? Yes ____ No ____

If NO, give the approximate date of disposition _____

On
these
claims

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was there judgment in your favor? Was the case appealed?) N/A

C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court?

Yes ____ No X

D. If your answer to C is YES, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit:

Plaintiff N/A

Defendants N/A

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county) _____

3. Docket or Index number N/A

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case N/A

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit N/A

6. Is the case still pending? Yes ____ No ____

If NO, give the approximate date of disposition _____

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was there judgment in your favor? Was the case appealed?) N/A

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 9 day of _____, 2015.

Signature of Plaintiff Michael Walker

Inmate Number 91A-9201

Institution Address SCI CAMPHILL

P.O. Box 200
CAMP HILL, PA 17001-0200

BERRIS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM
INMATE COMMUNICATION FORM

Inmate Name: Michael Walker BCI # 20052523 Cell # 6721 Date: June 5, 2014

To: Select only one of the following.

SELECTING MORE THAN ONE will result in form being unanswered and filed.

- ☐ Warden ☐ Deputy Warden ☐ Treatment ☐ Records ☐ Medical
☐ Kitchen ☐ Supervisor ☒ Chaplain ☐ Inmate Accounts
☐ Property ☐ Education/Library ☐ Mail Room ☐ Commissary

Write legibly, supply all relevant details. Forms which are unclear or contain demeaning language, threats or profanity will not be addressed. **ONLY ONE TOPIC PER COMMUNICATION.**

I would like to know if my family can send me a set of Santeria beads. but I'm wondering ~~if~~ is I'm allowed to have them or not. And what color can I have, because my Aunt Oshetata once to send them to me. but wouldn't she have to send them to you, to come bring over to me on the block. can you please let me know before she mails ~~the~~ beads off. Thank you

JUN 5 14PM 1:10

Note: Writing in "response" section will result in form being unanswered and filed.

Inmate Signature Michael Walker

Response

Date 6-11-14

Staff Member

Printed Name

CHAP. MAST

Staff Member

Signature

Chap. Mast

the only beads allowed in BCJS are ALL white beads. ALL beads of color, if they are all white OK ~~if~~ NO!

Original - Treatment File

Canary - Return to inmate with response

9/25/10

Exhibit A

BERKS COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM
INMATE COMMUNICATION FORM

BCJ # 2005-2523

Inmate Name Michael Walker

Unit/Cell # E-105

Date 01/18/15

TO: (Select only one of the following, selecting more than ONE box will result in your communication being filed, unanswered.)

- | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Telephones | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Accounts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SOG Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissary | <input type="checkbox"/> Booking/Mail/Property | |

Write legibly, supply all relevant details. Forms which are unclear or contain demeaning language, threats or profanity will not be addressed. **ONLY ONE TOPIC PER COMMUNICATION.**

My Godmother said the beads that you said I can have. ONE as they
 out all white I can have them. Well the Jail had sent them back
 because she said she just got it in the mail from you that just
 pass so has the rule change for me not to have them or something
 because if the muslims are allow to where kufi's and christians have
 rosary beads. why can I not have my religious beads. Santa Fe
 possess
 I am my possess. So can my Godmother mail me
 my beads or what that what I would like to know. Because I don't
 think that's fair to me that they were sent back and people here has
 rosary beads in their possess.

Note: Writing in "response" section will result in form being unanswered and filed.

Inmate Signature Michael Walker

RESPONSE: SS

IF the Beads are 100% white or clear you may
 have them - Quite frankly I have never seen a
 100% all white Bead necklace for Santa Fe.

Date 1-27-15 Staff Member (Print) Chap. Mast and (Sign) Chap. Mast

CC:

Inmate Name Michael WALTER

BCJ # 2005-2523
 Unit/Cell # 2105 A 229 Date 01/26/15

TO: (Select only one of the following, selecting more than ONE box will result in your communication being filed, unanswered.)

- | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Telephones | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Accounts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SOG Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissary | <input type="checkbox"/> Booking/Mail/Property | |

Write legibly, supply all relevant details. Forms which are unclear or contain demeaning language, threats or profanity will not be addressed. **ONLY ONE TOPIC PER COMMUNICATION.**

I had put in A REQUEST AND I haven't gotten a RESPONSE TO YOU REGARDING THE SANTERA WHITE BEADS BECAUSE MY GODMOTHER SAID SHE HAD SENT THEM BACK IN LAST YEAR NOVEMBER AND AS I PUT IN A REQUEST THAT SHE RECEIVE THEM BACK. I THOUGHT YOU TOLD ME I COULD HAVE THEM IN IF THEY HAD TO BE APPROVED. WHAT WAS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHY THEY WERE NOT APPROVED. THAT'S BEEN MY RELIGION FOR 21 YEARS AND IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE. SO AS I SAID AGAIN BECAUSE MY GODMOTHER WANNA KNOW BEFORE SHE MAIL THEM AGAIN. IF I AM ALLOW TO HAVE THEM OR NOT AND AS I SAID AGAIN IF PEOPLE ALLOW ROSARY BEADS. WHY CAN'T I HAVE MY SANTERA WHITE BEADS LIKE YOU SAID.

Note: Writing in "response" section will result in form being unanswered and filed

Inmate Signature

Michael Walter

RESPONSE:

I WROTE A RESPONSE ON 1-18-15
 IF THE BEADS ARE ALL 100% WHITE THEY CAN BE SENT TO YOUR ATTENTION @ the CHAPEL SO I CAN CLEAR THEM.

2015 JAN 27 PM 3:38

Date 2-2-15 Staff Member (Print) CHAP. MAST

and (Sign)

Chap. Mast

CC: COPY

MISCONDUCT CITATION

Inmate Name

Walker, Michael 15-523

Date

4.8.15

Incident Location

A. Unit

Time

2040**Citation**

Class

#

Offense

Class

#

Offense

1-15154Refusal of Orders1-15162Interfering w/ duties of staff**Officer Report**

Today during medication Inmate Walker, Michael 15-523 came to the med cart with something around his neck. I did not tell what it was so I ask inmate Walker to show me what it was. He responded "NO THEY ARE BENS AND THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE INSPECTION". I said that is fine but I need to see them. He again said "NO" "YOU ARE NOT TOUCHING THEM". I assured him I just needed to see them. He refused my orders. I gave him several more orders and he threatened a white shirt. I ordered him to look in.

Inmate Walker disrupted my med pass and I asked nurse to leave and she said she would return later.

Officer Signature

Koller KRP**Actions Pending Disposition**

- ☐ Subject Locked In Own Cell.
☒ Subject Transferred To D-102
☐ Subject Removed From Job Assignment.

- ☐ Warning Is Issued
☐ Material(s) Confiscated
☐ Other Action _____

Witnesses**Inmate Notification**

Copy Delivered To Inmate By

Name

Michael Walker

Date

4/7/15

Time

Staff Witness

James

Inmate Signature

X No Shave "Knee to"
(Acknowledges Receipt of Copy)**Supervisory Review**

SGT Gonzalez
 Shift Commander Signature

- ☐ Informally Adjusted
☒ Referred To Disciplinary Committee
☐ Notation _____

Emergency Flow Sheet

Michael Tyrone Walker
#2011-6392

JMS ID: 2005-2523 Location: D : 203
SSN: 185-62-0383 Ethnicity:
DOB: 01/24/1982 Interviewer: LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla (08/10/2014 14:09)
Age: 33
Agency: County

Current Interviewer	Date	Question	Answer
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/10/2014 14:09	Date and Time of Incident:	08/09/2014 1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Date and Time of Incident:	08/09/2014 19:38
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 20:23	Date and Time of Incident:	08/09/2014 20
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 20:23	Location of Incident:	A unit shower
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 20:23	Medical Staff Responding:	K. Brown LPN, A. Eckel LPN, C. Seubert LPN
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 21:12	Correctional Staff present:	CO Ruffner, CO Bower, SOG Kirlin, SOG Corderre, SRGT Gonzalez
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 20:23	Correctional Staff present:	CO Ruffner, CO Bower,
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/10/2014 14:09	Event that occurred:	Medical assistance called at approx. 1938 on A unit in the shower for an unresponsive pt. Reports from unit officer pt was in the shower and you could hear the pt fall to the ground. When medical arrived pt was sitting against the shower wall, eyes closed. Called pt's name multiple times until pt finally opened eyes and looked around. Asked pt if he knew where he was, pt just looked around staring at people. Again asked pt if he could talk to medical, pt nodded head no. Vital signs obtained. BP 180/112 P 97 Pox 98%. Pt was assisted to a sitting position in a chair. Pt stating "who are you people, I don't know who you people are. Where I'm at?" Asked pt to state his name. Pt stated his name is "Leondiva." Asked pt what year it was pt stating "1977." Pt stating the last thing he remembers is "being in a boat with lots of chains and the mice were my pets." Pt complaining of chest pain in left chest area that felt like a poking sensation. Pt was able to walk to wheelchair independently. Pt was escorted to medical. In route to medical pt was looking at the hall walls and the ceiling stating "what is this place where am I?" Pt was escorted to medical bay area. Pt layed down on medical bay without assistance. Pt began smiling. Asked pt his name, pt stating "Michael Walker." Pt was alert and oriented x 4. Pt stating "I'm Michael Walker now, I am back." Pt stated that atleast once a month he "passes out, and another person comes into his body. Sometimes, from what other people that are around me tell me, when this happens, a british women's spirit comes into me and I begin talking french. I don't know French. I don't speak that, but this lady does." Pt stating he has been trying to talk to MH about this but they are not aware of this. Pt stating he has PTSD, bipolar, split personality and schizophrenia. Pt stated he was seen multiple times at Community Center in Philly for this. Pt stated when he is at home when this happens a family member will take him to the hospital and he is always diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Pt requesting to see MH. Pt stated he has "flash backs of him being molested in front of his mother, his mother was raped and given drugs, and his brother shot the guy". Pt denied any thoughts of self harm. Pt stating he was recently at court, fired his lawyer, hiring a new lawyer, and fighting his case. EKG performed. Pt know denies any current chest pains. BP 140/90 P 78 Pox 99% blood sugar 69. One milk was given approx 5 minutes later blood sugar was 71. Will notify provider.
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Event that occurred:	Medical assistance called at approx. 1938 on A unit in the shower for an unresponsive pt. Reports from unit officer pt was in the shower and you could hear the pt fall to the ground. When medical arrived pt was sitting against the

Exhibit E

Inmate Name Michael Walker BCJ # 2005-252 Unit/Cell # A-229 Date 3/11/15

TO: (Select only **one** of the following, selecting more than ONE box will result in your communication being filed, unanswered.)

- | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Warden | <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Telephones | <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Accounts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SOG Commander | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissary | <input type="checkbox"/> Booking/Mail/Property | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailroom |

Write legibly, supply all relevant details. Forms which are unclear or contain demeaning language, threats or profanity will not be addressed. **ONLY ONE TOPIC PER COMMUNICATION.**

I had you said that if the all while you will approve
if my Godmom sent the money order I got that
the had made for me right from the post
at the beads I didn't suppose it and the
before New Orleans in you tell me one day
was mail out so I don't know
and when they get here it's money order and beads

Note: Writing in "response" section will result in form being unanswered and filed.

Inmate Signature Michael Walker

RESPONSE:

you were given your beads just

3-17-15

Date 3-16-15 Staff Member (Print) Chap. Mast and (Sign) Chap. Mast
 CC: _____ Exhibit F

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla				
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Was CPR initiated? If YES, provide time it was started.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Compressions performed by?	n/a	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Ventilations performed by?	n/a	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Was an AED applied? If YES, provide time it was applied.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Time patient was sent to Medical:	2000	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Via:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Wheelchair	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Was 911 Called? If YES, provide time called.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	LPN Brown, LPN, Kayla	08/09/2014 22:11	Did the patient remain on the block?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	pt was moved to N unit per verbal order

Exhibit G

Just what *is* Santeria?....

History of Santeria
The Orishas
Initiations
Divination

What is Santeria?

Just what is santeria? To many it is a cult of animal sacrificing, devil worshipping fanatics. This is how the media has portrayed this most misunderstood religion. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

In reality santeria is an old world religion rich in symbolism that contains a great deal of knowledge, power and beauty. It originally comes from Africa and more precisely the Yoruba people of what is now present day Nigeria. It is also one of the most magically powerful religions in existence today. We would strongly recommend santeria to anyone interested in engaging in the arts and looking for a spiritual religion with a heavy emphasis on participation.

Santeria is a Spanish term that roughly translated means "worship of the saints". There is a strong connection, if only on the surface, with Catholicism. It is a religion where the deities actually descend to earth to help and console their followers. In this respect it actually affords one the privilege of coming into contact with the divine.

Santeria is also a religion of initiation. One must pass through 3 different levels of initiation before one can be called a santero or priest in the religion. The deities or saints in santeria are called orishas. Just as in the catholic faith where there is one god with his emissaries the saints, so too does santeria have one god with his many orishas. The orishas cover every aspect of nature and human behavior and have distinct areas of control in those behaviors. There is also a detailed system of divination affording one the opportunity to confer directly with the orishas in all matters. These consultations are often performed by a babalawo or high priest in the religion.

The subject that has caused the most negative publicity about the religion is animal sacrifice. While it is true that on occasion animals, usually chickens, are sacrificed in a ceremony they are usually eaten by the santeros afterward. These sacrifices are done on rare occasions only as the orishas would be angered if animals were killed indiscriminately. As santeria is a closed religion the santeros do not come forth to explain the need for animal sacrifices and thus the misconception is perpetuated. On the surface santeria has a seemingly strong connection with Catholicism due to the various images of the Catholic saints. These images are in part due to the history of santeria when the saints were actually the embodiment of the orishas. Those adept in the religion no longer have a need for this imagery.

All santeros are accomplished herbalists, as herbs and flowers make up the majority of ingredients used in magical rituals. The magic would fall under the term of sympathetic magic. The basic premise behind the undertaking of a magic spell is to gain the "ashe" or power of the saints to accomplish one's goal. Everything is based on ashe and the steps one takes to obtain it. Ashe is bestowed on mankind by God and it is the orishas who as the repositories of ashe transfer it to man. This involves a system of sacrifice or offering called ebbo. Here one would make an offering to the orisha in return for the orishas ashe used to solve a problem. Ebbo is also made to the orisha

Inmate Name Michael WALTER

BCP# 2005-2523

Cell A-229

Date 4/8/15

Instructions: Refer to the inmate handbook for information on the inmate grievance system.

Administration Use Only

- ☐ Does not fit criteria for an emergency/sensitive grievance ☐ Form is incomplete ☐ Resubmit on proper form
☐ Lacks details ☐ Must be completed in English

Statement: Detail the act or condition which caused this grievance. (Be specific; list all dates, times, locations and witnesses.)

~~TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN~~
 YESTERDAY 4/8/15 I HAD A SERIOUS CONFLICT RESOLUTION WITH ANOTHER GUARD
 C/O KOLLER, which I am not please with that my Religious beads became a issue
 that he ordered me to take them out of my shirt for him to see which I
 explain to him they have already been approve by the chaplain for
 me to have so I ask him what reason do he need to see the for.
 It's a order from what he say but don't explain and I said to him he not touching
 them. and he said he can do whatever he want so he telling me he has
 to see my beads. and don't give me a reason why and threaten to sent me
 o the hole if I didn't show it to him. It didn't state no where in the memo that
 had to take them my beads out of my shirt. and he had the black worker give me a half
 tray insides of a bowl no spoon to eat with. now how come I didn't get a tray
 like everyone else. and if I didn't say nothing I ~~would~~ wouldn't have eat
 so I feel that's unfair to me very INCONSIDERED

FOR AMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Grievance Response:

Regardless of whether or not the Chaplain approved your beads, your and
 your possessions are subject to search at anytime. Officer Koller only ask
 to see the beads to verify what they were. At no time did he
 you to remove them or ask to touch them. This entire issue could have
 been avoided had you simply followed his directions.

Grievance Answered By: 11 Phillips

Date 4/14/15

Grievance # 0564-15

Date Posted 4/14/15

Exhibit I

= Author: VanBilliard, Daniel
 = Date: 4/9/2015 08:41:45
 = Inmate: WALKER, MICHAEL TYRONE
 = Permanent Number: 2005-2523

They are my religious beads. I did show them to him when he told me to. He wanted to touch them and I said, "No". They are approved by the Chaplin. I don't understand why he is making such a big deal about this.

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The Reason why he made a big Deal About My beads

Because when I was ~~served~~ SERVED my dinner I wasn't giving
 A Tray Like EVERYONE I was giving my Food TO ME
 IN a bowl small³ table spoon of RICE, AND A half a piece of chicken patty
 NO spoon TO EAT my RICE with AND I didn't get the bread CORN
 COOKIES Juice packet like EVERYBODY ELSE AND when I came Down
 stairs for medication I told him MAY I have A GRIEVANCE FORM
 Please, AND that's when he said take the beads OFF IN give them
 TOO ME, I said EXCUSE ME these are Religious beads SANTERIA AND
 THEN he said LIKE ME see them. AND I told him he can't touch them
 BECAUSE OF MY Religion He said I DO what I want. when ~~HE~~ I was
 standing IN my Door way of the cell HE SEEN my beads hanging FROM
 OUTSIDE OF MY NECK. MEMO was posted up on the Bulletin board
 that we are allow TO have them. AND SGT GONZALES was QUESTIONING ME
 about MY Religion. saying It's the Devil, when other people change Religions
 out It's NOT okay FOR ME TO do. so 4-12-15 they change that policy from when
 they heard my conversation over the phone telling my Family what I got
 sent TO the hole FOR. Next Day they say you may NOT have It It's Catholic
 AND you ~~must~~ must turn IT IN OR It will be Destroy by the Jail.

Exhibit-J

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154 Refusal of orders: I am finding you guilty of refusal of orders based on the Officer ordering you several times to show him your beads. He went as far as to explain to you that he only needed to see them. You replied, "No" and did not show them to him. You instead demanded to see a supervisor.

162 Interfering with staff duties: I am finding you not guilty of interfering with staff duties based on the charge being repetitious to 154 Refusal of orders.

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